



PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 7409-22

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keisuke Chino et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
Serial No.: 09/883,239) Examiner: Donald R. Wilson
Filed: June 19, 2001)
For: Thermoplastic Polymer and)
Thermoplastic Elastomer)
Composition)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's communication of February 24, 2003, applicants elect the species where a compound containing a metal element is not present.

It was believed this was inherent in applicants previous election of a specific thermoplastic polymer but if this was not clear to the Examiner, applicants apologize for any inconvenience.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge such fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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